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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LAJES BASE NEGOTIATIONS: SOARES VISIT TO US

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MEDEIROS FERREIRA TOLD ME TODAY, APRIL 12, THAT SOARES PARTY INTENDED TO RAISE LAJES NEGOTIATIONS DURING PRIME MINISTER'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON. PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT GO INTO ANY DETAIL, BUT HE WOULD INDICATE THAT GOP WILL SHORTLY BE READY TO MOVE FORWARD. IF USG IS WILLING, SOME MENTION COULD THEN BE MADE OF LAJES NEGOTIATIONS IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE.

2. FONOFF OFFICIAL VILLAS-BOAS IS BEING INCLUDED IN THE SOARES PARTY TO DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH LAJES. GOP HOPES THAT HE COULD HAVE PARALLEL CONVERSATIONS IN WHICH DECISIONS WOULD BE MADE ON THE "CALENDAR, FORM AND MODALITIES" OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. ALONG WITH THIS VILLAS-BOAS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE "INFORMAL" DISCUSSIONS ON WHAT USG MIGHT THINK WOULD BE APPROPRIATE QUID FOR BASE. MEDEIROS FERREIRA REPEATED WHAT HE HAS PREVIOUSLY TOLD ME: GOP DOES NOT WANT TO PROPOSE ANYTHING THAT COULD LEAD TO AN IMPASSE.

3. FONMIN SAID HE HOPED VILLAS-BOAS INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY PRODUCTIVE TO ENABLE FINAL COM-
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MUNIQUE TO INDICATE APPROXIMATELY WHEN OFFICIAL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD OPEN. HE NOTED IN PASSING THAT GOP HAS NOW BEEN ABLE TO SCALE DOWN AZOREAN ASPIRATIONS TO A NUMBER OF REALISTIC AND REALIZABLE PROPOSALS, BUT HE HAVE NO INDICATION OF WHAT THESE WERE OR WHAT THE PRICE TAG MIGHT BE. IT IS CLEAR HE IS LOOKING TO US TO GIVE HIM SOME PARAMETERS BEFORE HE ENTERS INTO FORMAL NEGOTIATING

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